

And all those in that air war,  
Sent them running back across those Yalu  
shores . . .  
For they too were the men of the hour,  
For the air support gave us such power!  
And all those on the high seas . . . dropping  
b's . . .  
Softening up those commies . . .  
And all of those MIA's,  
Whose loved ones their fine hearts still muse  
this very day . . .  
About where there loved ones now so lie . . .  
For only now, their precious souls are seen  
all in our lord's eyes!  
And all of those who returned home, without  
arms and legs . . .  
Teaching us all what the word hero so con-  
veys!  
And eyes, who now so live without this day  
. . .  
For some call it the Forgotten War!  
But not so in our Lord's eyes, for sure!  
For of these, were the finest of all Men . . .  
Who Live on this day . . .  
All in America's greatest of all heroic lores!  
As was, The Korean War . . .

# ENHANCING SMALL BUSINESS RE- SEARCH AND INNOVATION ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY SUTTON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 8, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2965) to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the Small Business Innovation Research Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, and for other purposes:

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of the underlying legislation, H.R. 2965, the Enhancing Small Business Research and Innovation Act.

This bill will ensure that small businesses have access to federal research and development money so they can continue to be the engines of economic growth and innovation that our economy so desperately needs.

This bill also contains a number of important developments—including a focus on the commercialization of products developed with SBIR funding.

A focus on commercialization is also a focus on jobs as technologies and innovations created by this funding enter the marketplace.

I am also pleased that a number of provisions that I championed have been included in the manager's amendment and the underlying bill.

One of these provisions requires agencies that administer SBIR programs to give special consideration to vital transportation and infrastructure research activities when reviewing grant applications.

Investing in our nation's transportation and infrastructure through small business is essential to our long term success and growth.

I also worked to include a preference for veterans who have so honorably served this country.

This is the least we can do for the 26 million brave men and women who sacrificed years of their lives to protect our country—many who are small business owners.

This bill will also increase outreach to service-disabled veterans and other underrepresented groups.

As I have said before and I will say again, it is not enough to simply pay tribute to our veterans with our words; we must show our appreciation through our actions.

I also strongly support the provision of this bill that I worked on with Representative BOSWELL to require that priority be given to grant applicants from areas of the country that have lost a major source of employment.

Communities across this country, from Ohio to Iowa, are suffering as employers shut their doors. In Ohio, 83 of the 88 counties have experienced a mass layoff or plant closing since 2001.

Focusing funds in areas that have suffered the most and have endured major job losses will ensure that this money is helping people in the communities that need it most.

I urge a yes vote on the rule and the underlying bill.

## IN HONOR OF THE BIG SUR HEALTH CENTER

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 9, 2009*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 30th anniversary of the Big Sur Health Center, an independent, state-licensed, not-for-profit, community clinic, nestled in the heart of the beautiful Big Sur Valley. The Center is the only source of out-patient care for the 1,500 residents of the over 100 miles of remote and mountainous Big Sur coast. The Center also serves nearly 3,000,000 tourists who visit the Big Sur coast each year. It is crucial to the welfare of the Big Sur Community. As a Big Sur resident myself, I applaud the work of the health center staff and volunteers who do so much for their neighbors and visitors alike.

The Center grew out of a local, grass-roots effort in the late 1970s, to meet the needs of this rural community to provide quality comprehensive medical care to all in Big Sur regardless of a patient's ability to pay. At that time, I represented Big Sur as a Monterey County Supervisor. I had the great pleasure of working with Ray Sanborn, Dr. Saul Kunitz and other community leaders.

The Center finally opened its doors in September 1979. By 1985, it had become a 501(c)(3) corporation with a volunteer Board of Directors. That same year BSHC relocated from the Big Sur Grange Hall to its current location on the grounds of the All Saints Episcopal Church. In 2004, following a community-wide fundraising effort, the Center moved out of its old trailers into a new building at that site. Over the years the Center has developed into a busy family practice with over 2,600 patient visits annually. In the last few years the Center has also embarked on several important outreach initiatives. These included an oral health program emphasizing childhood dental care, a program to work with families and school districts to reverse growing rates of childhood obesity, and a multi year effort to reach out to the Big Sur coast's substantial Spanish speaking population.

This spirit of service and professionalism was apparent during the summer and fall of 2008 when the second largest wildfire in California's history besieged the Big Sur commu-

nity for the better part of two months. The Center staff worked hand in hand with the fire response authorities to help treat injured fire fighters so that they could return to their crews to continue their important work.

Looking to the future, the Center has fully embraced the move to electronic medical records championed by the Congress and President Obama. The Big Sur Health Center has developed and implemented an information technology system that provides practice management, electronic medical records and electronic health information exchange, and assures the protection of critical patient data in the event of a disaster that threatens or destroys the facility. In addition, this system allows for remote access to documents and facilitates patient management in the event of after-hours emergency room visits, or during a community disaster that closes the center. Retrieval of information for disease management in key populations, quality measures reporting, tracking of data and State-mandated annual clinic reporting is no longer the cumbersome and time consuming project of past times. Electronic retrieval and reactivation of patient health records is now done rapidly and accurately. The result is great savings to the Center and faster, better, more attentive care to the patient.

Madam Speaker, the Big Sur Health Center is a national treasure. It exemplifies a kind of dedicated grass-roots based health service that will be a key ingredient in a reformed American healthcare system—first rate medical care, cutting edge technology, in a community based setting. I know I speak for the whole House in extending our congratulations to the Center for a successful thirty years and our wishes for many more to come.

## CONGRATULATING RALPH F. KORTE

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 9, 2009*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ralph F. Korte for his 2008 induction in the Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville Alumni Association Hall of Fame.

Ralph Korte is the founder and chairman emeritus of the board of Korte Company. The company was established by Mr. Korte in 1958 after he returned from Korea, serving in the U.S. Army. He was asked to build a milking parlor by his neighbor and a few weeks later he created an innovative, state-of-the-art business structure that is still used today.

In 1959 Korte decided to go to college and utilized the financial aid of the G.I. Bill. He took two night classes a week for 5 years until his G.I. benefits ran out. Korte realized his business courses were helping him manage his company, so he stayed in college. After 4 more years of schooling, he graduated from SIUE School of Business. Korte attributes his success in business to the quality of education he received at SIUE.

By 2005 the Korte Company was operating in 37 states and by 2008 it celebrated its 50th anniversary. The company is a nationally recognized industry leader with more than 1,800 jobs completed across the country. "I'm proud to say that more than 80 percent of our business comes from returning customers," Korte

said. "We work smart, and we know how to get things done."

In addition to his work with the Korte Company, Ralph Korte has been involved with the creation and implementation of several initiatives on the SIUE campus. These initiatives include: the addition of the Construction Program in the fall of 1979; the construction of the Ralph Korte Stadium in 1993; the donation of the Ralph and Donna Korte Classroom, the creation of the Ralph and Donna Korte Fund for Leadership and Innovation in Business Education in 1999; and the launch of the SIUE Construction Leadership Institute in 2004.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Korte for his achievements in business and receiving this honor from Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, as a leader on earmark reform, I am committed to protecting taxpayers' money and providing greater transparency and a fully accountable process H.R. 3082, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for 2010 contains the following funding that I requested:

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP

Bill Number: H.R. 3082

Account: Army

Legal Name Requesting Entity: Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Address: 39 Normandy Avenue, Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Description of Request: There is inadequate chapel space at Ft. Campbell. The current facilities are scattered across the entire installation in several substandard World War II buildings that are in disrepair. The construction of a chapel complex will provide every Fort Campbell soldier, their family members and retirees a quality facility in which to worship and practice their religious faith. As overseas deployments remain high, an increasing number of soldiers and families will rely on the chapel to support their spiritual needs. The local Clarksville Chamber of Commerce has strongly advocated for a new chapel on Ft. Campbell.

Distribution of funding:

Chapel—72 percent

Antiterrorism/Force Protection Measures—1 percent

Infrastructure (electric, water)—11 percent

Supervision, Inspection and Overhead—16 percent

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding a request for funding I made of the House Appropriations Committee for inclusion in H.R. 3082 the Military Construction—Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2010.

Specifically, the project will be included in Title 1, Military Construction—Army.

H.R. 3082 includes \$10.2 million for Phase 2 of the Ballistic Evaluation Facility in the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Act. The entity to receive the funding for this project is the United States Army, specifically the Armament Research Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) located at Picatinny Arsenal, Picatinny, New Jersey, 07806-5000.

The actual design and construction will be executed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The funding will be used for planning, design and construction of a state-of-the-art Ballistic Experimentation Facility (BEF) for Large Caliber Armaments at Picatinny Arsenal. This process will produce a one-of-kind research and testing facility which will reduce Army's operational overhead and maintenance costs and improve safety for Army employees. The use of U.S. taxpayer funding is justified because this construction will provide near-term and long-range benefits to the joint warfighter—Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force.

#### HONORING SOUTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL PIASA BIRDS SOFTBALL PROGRAM

##### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the achievements of one of the top softball programs in Illinois.

Last month, the Piasa Birds of Southwestern High School took second place in the Illinois High School Association's state finals. It was the third time in four years that Southwestern reached the finals, and it tied for the best finish in school history. The Piasa Birds finished the year with 28 wins and four losses. They won an extra-inning thriller against West Carroll in the semifinals before falling to Olympia in the state championship.

I want to congratulate head coach Erin McAfee and assistant coach Michelle Woelfel on their achievement. Most of all, I want to congratulate the members of the 2009 Southwestern Piasa Birds state runner-up softball team: Amanda Hany, Niki Davis, Lizzy McAfee, Rebecca Wolff, Amanda Roberts, Samantha Boucher, Sydney Shelton, Ashley Jenkins, Ellie Thomas, Shauni Hernandez, Amanda Mitchell, Megan Smith, Samatha Davis, Katie Trombetta and Leslie Davis.

They have represented themselves, their school and the community very well, and I join with the other members of this House in wishing them continued success both on and off the field.

#### CONGRATULATING SYCAMORE SCHOALS STATE HISTORIC AREA

##### HON. DAVID P. ROE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sycamore Shoals

State Historic Area on their play "Liberty!" being recognized by the Tennessee General Assembly as the official outdoor drama of the State of Tennessee.

"Liberty!" has been performed annually during the month of July for 31 consecutive years. "Liberty!" tells the story of Tennessee's frontier beginnings by portraying the relationships between the American settlers and the native Cherokee Indians.

Hundreds of gifted local volunteers come together at the location where these historic events actually occurred and celebrate the lives of the people and depict important episodes that helped shape the heritage of this great state and country.

I want to congratulate and sincerely thank all of the volunteers that contribute their time and efforts to "Liberty!" for honoring our great state of Tennessee.

#### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

##### HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union has under consideration the bill (H.R. 2997) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to the Flake amendment to cut potato research.

Potatoes are an important part of our national diet and potato farming is an important part of our national economy.

The \$1 million included in this bill for Potato Research goes directly to developing potato varieties that provide profitable, sustainable production for the grower, and a healthy, inexpensive food supply for American consumers.

In Skagit County in my district, over 13,000 acres are devoted to potatoes.

However, late blight disease is a constant threat to my local farmers, and growers use the research provided them by this program to minimize their losses.

Washington state is second only behind Idaho in potato production in the country producing over 9 billion pounds of potatoes every year.

The economic value of the potato industry to Washington is approximately \$3.5 billion supporting nearly 20,000 farming jobs. These jobs can be found across our state, and it is critical that we protect them.

The potato breeding program in the Pacific Northwest, the target of this amendment, is a partnership among the USDA Agricultural Research Service, the University of Idaho, Oregon State University, Washington State University, and the potato commissions of the three states.

For every dollar invested in the Northwest Tri-State Potato breeding program, a value of